

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PETITION TO ACCEPT A DELAYED CLAIM FOR PRIORITY UNDER
35 U.S.C. 119(a) THROUGH (d) AND (f), OR 365(a)
(37 C.F.R. § 1.55(c))

1. Applicant hereby petitions, in accordance with § 1.55(c), to accept a claim for priority for this application under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) from:

Foreign application: PP8525
Country: Australia
Filed on: February 5, 1999

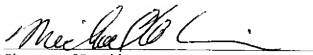
2. Applicant states that the entire delay between the date the claim for priority was due under paragraph (a)(1) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.55 and the date this claim is filed was unintentional.
3. Please note that Applicant's claim to priority under 35 USC 119 was perfected in the parent application, serial no. 09/495,754 from which the present patent claims priority under 35 USC 120. (See MPEP 201.16)
4. Enclosed is a Request for a Certificate of Correction adding Applicant's claim for priority.
5. The surcharge fee set forth in § 1.17(t) required by 37 C.F.R. 1.55(c)(1), is paid as follows:

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$1,470.00 to Credit card as shown on the fee sheet.

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